



# Archives Current

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## The New State Archives Building - Update

The “State archives building headed to IUPUI campus” is the headline from the Indianapolis Business Journal, July 9, 2016. Funds have been allocated for the building but discussions have been long regarding the actual location of the new building. The State is “in the final states of approving a contractor and determining the completion date for the archives building, according to Indiana Department of Administration spokesman Ben Kenney” quoted in the IBJ.

State Archivist Jim Corridan said “plans for the state archives building... remain very fluid.” The Indiana University Board of Trustees needs to approve the location and discussions continue. We really are getting closer!

## The First Roundabout??

While processing photographs from old Highway Commission files, Archives volunteer Sandy Ricketts found this image. Mary Etta Boren, also a volunteer,

determined the photo was taken in Martin County. We’re not sure if this is indeed the “first” roundabout but it’s certainly an early one. Notice the vehicles.



# Indiana Centennial

One hundred years ago, Indiana celebrated the creation of the Nineteenth State. Some counties, like Parke County, went all out with activities, pageants and parades. Fortunately, photographs help us understand the excitement in the summer of 1916.



*The identification on the back of the photo says "Parke Co. Schools float, August 12, 1916. There is so much to see in this photograph – cars, wagons, fashions and hats! Lots and lots of hats. Notice those with the "best seats in the house."*

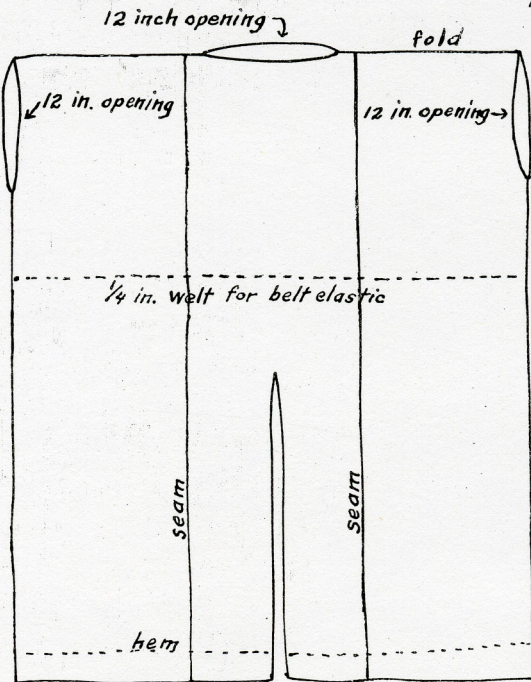


*"Parke County Centennial Pageant 1916, Founding of Bloomingdale Academy. Barnabas Hobbs at extreme left." Note: Hobbs was president of Bloomingdale Academy and stayed for over 15 years. In 1866, Hobbs moved to Richmond and became the first president of Earlham College and professor of English literature.*



*"Parke County Centennial Pageant 1916, Marking Up Indians." How politically incorrect by today's standards but this is 1916.*

RIDING COSTUME - GREEK TUNIC CONVERTED INTO A DIVIDED SKIRT.



Three breadths of 26 in. material.  
Length three times measure  
from neck to floor.

MANTLE - 3 yds. in  
length, wide material,  
and fastened to  
shoulder.

Hair to be done in  
Psyche knot with bands  
over brow.



In a letter dated September 19, 1916 from the County Day Committee, "We are enclosing blue print of pattern, designed by Mrs. W. C. Langdon, wife of the State Pageant Master, suitable for costume for your lady rider in the Centennial Cavalcade. This is suggestive not obligatory." This "blue print" was part of the mailing.



Sylvia Barkhart, Sugar Creek Township, Parke County participated in the Cavalcade of Counties in Indianapolis, October 6, 1916. She is wearing the costume described above.



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At the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Indiana State Archives, members approved Ruth Nisenshal as the newest member of the Board of Directors. Nisenshal has a background in fundraising and retired last year as Director of the Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation. Prior to that she was the Development Director for the President Benjamin Harrison Home.

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